

November 1903

Mr Young's judgement of Rev John G. Brady has not been borne out by the lapse of time and at this date Mr Brady has a commanding influence for good in Alaska both among the natives and among the better class of Whites.

There is no man in that the natives of South-eastern Alaska so soon go to when in trouble or in need of advice.

He has for all the past years kept the Church at Sitka for the Whites in existence. He was made U.S. Commissioner under President Arthur and continued by President Cleveland during three years of his term. He was appointed Governor by President McKinley and continued by Pres Roosevelt, and both in private and public life has for over a quarter of a Century done mission work at his own expense in Alaska.

Sheldon Jackson

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Albany, Oregon. May 16. '81.

Dear Dr. Jackson;

I am here with Mrs. G. till tomorrow. I preached yesterday for Bro. Leondit & lectured on Alaska. Tomorrow evening I lecture at Corvallis on the same subject.

The presbytery of Oregon met in adjourned meeting last week. They manifested great interest in our Alaska work & seem disposed to further it in every way. They passed a resolution asking the Assembly to define the relations of the Presby' to the Alaska missions. There was nothing personal put into the action at all.

They are however determined to have the vexed question of jurisdiction definitely decided.

They acceded to my request to help constitute a Pres^y of Alaska as soon as possible.

In case a Pres. of Alaska cannot be formed this fall I may be the delegate to Gen. Assen^y ^{pro this Pres^y} next year.

Hurry up the men for Hydab. I am looking for Willard soon. I want if possible to go both to Chukot & Hydab with the missionaries to instate them. I can save them much time & perhaps many blunders by so doing.

The saw mill ^{plans & costs} will be forwarded to you as soon as I can procure it from the manufacturers which will be in a few days.

I do not think any hindrance will be put in the way of your doing all you can for Alaska.

Will write you further in a few days.

Yours faithfully,

L. Hall Young.

Note - Mr Young was not-allowed to go either to Chilcat or Hydah with the new missionaries

Fort Wrangel Alaska
May 9th
"81

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother
Your letters of April
11th & 12th were received
two days ago.
Our joy is with you
& Mrs Jackson that
dear Daisy has given
her heart to Jesus.
I fear it will be a
long time before I
can take a trip
through New Mexico
& Arizona, from there
to Chicago. How much
I would love to do so.
I do much hope Mr
& Mrs Willard will be
in time for the June

Steamers, For the Cali-
fornia expects to go to
Chilcat in June, & it
would be so nice for
them to get all the way
up on her. Mr Seembar
thinks of going up on
her. Just for the trip,
that would be nice
for them as well as for
her. Besides the great
need of them being on
the ground as soon as
possible. I do hope you
will succeed in get-
ting Mr Darby sent to
Alaska. I think he
would be splendid
for this field. How
much of a family has
he? I suppose he would
be sent to Hydah. or
Heenah. I think if

I had to decide I
should send him to
Sitka. That is such
an important point,
& I am sure Mr Austin
cannot attend to a
boarding school for
boys & do the mission-
ary work too. I think
one will keep him
pretty busy. Mr Ful-
ton of Victoria is here
& heard Miss Denbar &
I discussing the matter.
He says tell him if Mr
Darby has a wife with
good common sense
send him on. I
hope you will not
infer from that
that the ladies who
are already here
have no common sense.

Mr Young & family are
still in Portland.
Dr Corlies has been
sick ~~for~~ a week
past - but is getting
better. We have had
some sickness in
the home in the past
month. One of my
girls had the Pneumo-
nia - was very sick
two weeks but is doing
nicely now. There are
two other cases of the
same disease among
the Indians that we
fear may prove fatal.
One is Martha Moses
wife. Arons wife is
sick with Consump-
tion. Mr Brodie whom
you will remember
is lying very low.

his disease is Consumption also. Poor fellow
we cannot get him
awakened to any
interest about his
spiritual condition.
I have just heard
Mr. Green has lost
his wife. She left
him with a new
born babe & another
little one. Miss Dun-
bar wishes to be re-
membered to you &
your family. She is
very well & happy.
We were sorry to
have Sarah Dic-
kinson go to Forrest
Grove. But we know
if we kept her ^{here} here. Not
her would have her
off to Chilcat. I wish

You were coming
up to see us this
summer. Remember me
very kindly to Mr Jack-
son & the girls.

Very Truly Yours
A. R. M. Farland

JK
Portland, Oregon, May 9, 1881.

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Yours of April 24

reached me this evening. I rejoice
also that another minister has
been secured for our field. You
did not tell me his name. I
hope, since you have spoken of
his mechanical ability & training
that he will be sent to the
Hydaks. That should by all means
be the Metlakatlah of our we-
chipelago. If started on that
plan it will in time - I proph-
esy - be the pet mission of our
coast. I would rather go there
than anywhere else were I coming
anew to Alaska. Hope he will
come on the July boat without fail.

After building & materials, I wrote
the Board that a house was in
process of erection at Chilcut for
church & school purposes. The con-
tract, conditioned on the sanction
of the Board was sent to Dr Kender
with specifications & cost. This
plan & contract I made with the
managers of the N. W. T. Co. refusing
however to take any responsibility
in the matter until the Board should
sanction me. The Co. had the
lumber already on the ground all
sawed of requisite lengths & ready
to fit as another store. They have
now completed the building as
a church papered seats & lighted
& warmed it in hope the Board will
take it off their hands. They ask
\$1250.00 for it, which is less than
such a building could be erected for there.

It is 14 x 30 ft. & made very warm
& comfortable. Thus you see I have a
building which will answer temporarily
as a church & permanently as a school
house. Lumber for dwelling can be
taken up by the Favorite from the
sawmill at Littlea. But Lumber at
^{Chilcut} Littlea will cost twice what it
does at Fort Wrozel because of the
high freights. The missionaries at
Chilcut can stop with the Dickin-
sons until a house is built for
them. I have written fully to
Mr Willard of this.

There is plenty of good lumber
already sawed at Littlea & at Home-
ilton & Ponton's Mill. - now belonging
to Capt Sprague. This can be pur-
chased at the mill at 10. @ 12
dollars per thousand ft. My plan
for Hydah is to get the mill - a
cheap one - started at the site selected

for a town only taking lumber enough
to get it up & rely upon it - for
lumber for other buildings. Your
Colorado man - who must be
sent there if possible - could find
lodging for his family at Wrangell -
we would be glad to keep him - until
he can then arrange for a house. It
is not far from H & P's mill down
to the Idaho country. Lumber delivered
there to start things would not cost
over 16 or 18 dollars per thousand.

We must not think of pur-
chasing at Puget Sound or Noas.
It would take longer & be more
expensive.

Purchase hardware & furniture
at Partlow. Freight will more than
make the difference in price. I can
make special terms here if he will
let me know in time.

Don't arrange about any more buildings
at these two new missions until the
men get here.

Your news concerning Brady
astounded me. If such men are
to occupy the points explored & opened
up by me I don't want to explore
any more for I am certain that no-
body ^{at all} is far better than Brady. The Board
knows through my conversations with
Mr Kendall & Mr. McFarland's letters our
opinion of the man. He did worse
than nothing while missionary in
Litha. He has the respect of no
one. During my travels I have
every where met with expressions
of disgust & distrust of him from
the Indians. They tell of promises
he made which were broken. They
would be repelled & estranged by
his appointment. As a trader he
has the enmity of many of the chiefs.

6. The North West Trading Co. which
is prepared & has promised to aid &
befriend our missions throughout
the archipelago & has promised to
put a Christian man of my nomination
there if such can be found at the ^{trading} post
to be established at our new Hydah
mission & whose president Mr Schulze
is working in Washington & elsewhere
for us, will cease to aid & may
antagonize us if Brady is put
in our field.

In writing thus I have no
personal grounds whatever. While
wandering from time to time at
the prominence you have still given
him in your paper although he had
no further connection with the Board
I have said nothing to you. But on
account of the interest I have in
the love I bear towards these missions
I would most earnestly protest against

7. the reappointment of "one who is so incompetent & whose connection with us would do incalculable harm. While my personal relations with him are friendly enough I do not ~~feel~~ like welcoming as a co-worker or even trying to cooperate with one who has shown himself to have neither the common sense ability nor unselfish devotion necessary in a missionary to Alaska.

All the Whangt missionaries feel that his appointment would be a blow to our work from which it would not soon recover & will not cease to loudly protest against the grievance. It is strange indeed if one or two members of the Synod of New York should compel the Board to commission a man of which they themselves know little or nothing his origin & whom the Board knows as

8 wholly unfit for the work. If
he is commissioned already & my
protest is too late let him remain
at Litch where his influence will
be but negative. Especially let him
not go to Chilcat or Hydab. Let Waller
go to Chilcat & your new colorado
man to Hydab. I would refer you
for the estimate which sensible bus-
iness men & friends of our mission
put upon Mr. Brody to Col. Ball
& Capt. Wilson - collector & Deputy at
Litch - the managers of the N.W.T. Co
at Litch who have had business
relations with him - & to Comdr. Beards-
lee & Capt. Elars - former & present
commanders of the Forttown & Lieut
Lyman's navigating officer of that
ship. Of course this letter is con-
fidential. Dr. Lindley does not even
know that I have rec'd a letter from
you. I shall at once write the Board

on this subject - & protest against the
apostasy of Brady. It is a matter
of duty.

I shall go either to Chilcat
with Bro Willard or to Hydab with
the missionary for that field or to
both if sufficient time intervenes.
I have the promise of the warm
support of the chiefs of both tribes.
They are all my personal friends
& pledged adherents to our Church.
Have succeeded in breaking up
the heathen soil to a great
extent among the Hydabs. They
are waiting for me & the minister.

I brought the ten Indian
children to Forest Grove. There
is only one girl among them - Sarah
Dickinson. The son of Shattitch
head chief of Chilcat, the sons of
Kodishu, Lot, Lehorly Brown &
1 other from Wrangell & four little boys

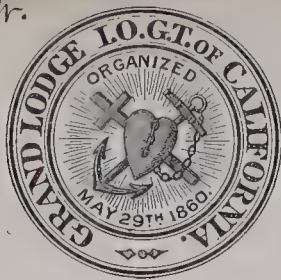
10. of good family ~~completes~~ the No.
This gives us an additional hold
upon the heads of the tribes.
The Catholic priest of Ft. W.
come down with us to Nonam
to stay all summer. He is dis-
couraged.

My little Abbie & Lusia our
little Indian girl were taken severe-
ly sick at Astoria with pneumonia.
So we had to stay with
Bro. Milligan a week. My family
is well now.

I shall write again today about
the saw mill. I wish to see the
dealers in such things.

Yours as ever

L Hall Young.



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Dr Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

May

1887

I am about to start for Alaska in the interest of the Temperance Cause. At present I am employed as Grand Lecturer and Organizer for the Good Templars but the first of June Miss Willard sends me out in the interests of the W. C. T. U. and we wish very much to plant our banners on the shores of "Wonderland". I shall sail from Tacoma June 4th on the steamer "Ancon" and shall visit each place I have relative in Gallegos Id and have heard of you often therefore take the liberty to write. I feel that I shall not be quite a stranger in that land that seems so far away. For I expect to meet Mr. & Mrs. Willard also Miss Bessie Mathews. At Mannowth Id I met Rev. Wallace and his charming mother, who told me of your grand work and it is with pleasure I look forward to my work in the Territory.

I go to Juneau, am quite uncertain as to place I shall stop first. I hope in Alaska

I shall receive the support of all moral forces
of every community. In Cuba, Central America
and Mexico, our missionaries helped in work by
attendance at our meetings and I am sure
the work will be well sustained in those parts. We
feel, the work once established in Alaska will awaken
an interest among our temperance people, hitherto
unknown. I am very anxious to establish organization
of the W. C. T. U. and as I shall have a work in each
since I hope to be able to accomplish the desired end.

I have taken the liberty to express this
feeling that you were hardly a stranger and think-
ing perhaps you could talk the matter up among
the workers. Perhaps Mr. Geo. Kretzschmar off (I do
I believe is Geo. Inspector or Interpreter) he would
become interested. Hoping our efforts may be crown-
ed with success and praying God's blessing on the
work.

Yours for humanity

L. Armenia Ackerman

National Organizer for W. C. T. U.

By this mail I also send you bills and posters
hoping that you may see I am an authorized
worker. By the time I reach there I shall have
new ones under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

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Net City, Neb.

May 2nd. 1881.

Dear Bro Jackson.

Yours of the 17th received
on the 30th: I see that every-
thing is alright about our going
to Alaska: if there are houses
to build I will need tools.

I expect to hear from you
soon as to our meeting to talk
matter over.

Yours in Christ
Geo. M. Larley.

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Dr Jackson

Dear Brother & friend,
Probably you

have heard ere this that
our letters were successful

Today I received my Commission
for Conejos & vicinity.

I imagine that Dr Kendall
felt himself in a hornet-
nest before the Bd met.

I think I know where the
first trouble arose, & as
you are interested in the
matter, I will tell you
how things worked out.

You wrote Dr K. on Thurs
evening. On Fri. A.M. I called
on Dr Humphrey. He said for

me to write, as you had advised
to Dr K. & that he (Dr H.) would
take my case to the Faculty &
see that my recommendation
was forwarded promptly,
So I wrote, just as I was ready
to send my letter, I rec'd one
from N.Y. saying that you had
no field suitable for me &
wouldn't it be well to find
some church in Ind. for a year
or two & then think of the West.

I saw instantly who was
the source of the trouble, so
added a postscript saying
that I had had 14 years of
Ind. work & I was just as
thoroughly qualified for the West
as if I had been in Ind. ten
years (a little strange perhaps).
I mentioned the state of
the case to some of my class
& they of their own motion
took the matter up.

The class to a man signed
a paper saying that I was as
fully qualified for the West
as man in the class. They
went to Dr Evans & Prof Smith
who cordially endorsed me -
then to Dr Ellis & he endorsed
& advised them to send it.
The class ^{Dr Morris also said send it} paper. One of them
approached Dr Morris on the
subject. He ~~called it~~ ^{would not}
do anything to do either for
or against me - got mad -
pronounced the class letter
a piece of impertinence - urged
not to send it. When told
that the class would send
it - he said "If they do they
will make fools of themselves
as they have done before."
Next morning he informed
Dr Humphrey that he had re-
commended me. I understood
last Fri. I rec'd a postal from

Dr Kendall saying that the
"Class manifesto was entirely
unnecessary. With the place
secured by Dr Jackson & the
recomm of Drs Morris & Humphrey
your calling & election
were sure."

Yes I will take a wife with
me, provided we have no fuss
& she does not die - & present
appearances indicate neither.

I am ready for all the instruction
you see fit to give me -
as I am utterly ignorant of
the field. If I knew something
about the language I would
begin the study next week.

I expect to be ready & on the
field by the 1st of July. As that
soon enough? - if not, say so
& I will rush matters a little.
This will be headquarters for me
till I reach Col.

Yours sincerely
A. A. Hilbert

St Detroit Mich. May 2nd / 81.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir. It is such a very easy thing to become interested in a subject when you have it fairly & clearly set before you. Now, that is just what your journal has been doing to me. I became a subscriber only about three months ago & have received yet only three numbers, but your characteristic descriptive pictures have led me to think that after all Indians are Indians the same all over the world. I have had an opportunity of studying their character by a three years visit to an ~~Indian~~ C. H. and find that there is little difference when you are miles. Sometimes we say that any form of Christianity is better than no Christianity at all, but my experience differs very much from this. To any who would see the depths of degradation the Roman Church is capable of keeping any country

to I would urge him to say better to the
New York Tribune in the year 78, 79, & 80
~~take~~ on the creation of "Latin". Paganism
atheism or any other view is to be preferred
to ^{the} ~~the~~ view they leave behind them.

Romanism with her gargaws, relics,
& monasteries catch the eye of the ignorant.
The ignorant mind is fascinated by externally
by the scarlet colors of the vestal robes
& pearls beads of the clergy. For these rea-
sons ~~which~~ is more successful than is
Christianism, hence, our work is first
to educate & then convert. Attempts
to convert first have been sad failures
in the past.

In this connexion let me ask, as I have
already asked in the New York Tribune, though the
five Republics of Central America are our
nearest neighbors, and though they have officially
pledged the Government of the United States to the
"Montevideo Convention" and are acting for the
interests that fall to the floor - yet and long

they number over five millions of people yet there is neither a Church nor sect of any kind where the Gospel is preached to them. In Costa Rica, in 1878 there was a missionary of the Episcopal Church stationed at the Capital, but he went away in 1879 for want of effect.

Good men sent into any of these Republics will receive the hearty support of the Governments & will be employed as teachers in the public schools. There is much whining the Home Board as to what expense they may make in going & establishing themselves. These people are not all Indians nor are descended from foreigners; but the majority are pure Indians descended from the Aztecs. For the most part, we greatly misapprehend and misunderstand them, & foreigners make a sad mistake when they treat them as an ignorant people. They have the politeness of the Spaniards with the superstition about of the Indians. Good men to

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St. Wrangel Ala.
May 7th, 1881.

My dear Mrs. Jackson,

I am deeply interested in the article on gathering the Indian children, but feel very sorry that you had so many hardships to undergo.

Since writing the above sentence I have read the article in the April number of P. H. M. and my blood almost runs cold to think of the narrow escapes you made; surely God alone preserved you from those wild Indians and those infuriated Mexicans. When you sat in that darkened car you were as safe as Daniel in the lions den, and all the

way the Lord Himself was
your pavilion. How sweet
it is to know that we are as
dear to Him as the apple of
His eye and consequently
safe amid all circumstances.

We felt ourselves in danger
sometimes last summer but
it was nothing in comparison
with that through which you
have been called to pass. I
hope that neither your health
nor that of your dear husband
has suffered in consequence
of the anxiety and exposure.

We are all pretty well except
Mr. Corlies who is suffering with
a severe attack of lumbago, which
at first made him quite helpless;
he is improving slowly and we
hope he will soon be about
again.

I intended to send Dr.

Jackson a little account of our
work last summer, long ago,
but my hands have been so full
that I could not—a baby, you
know brings lots of work as
well as lots of love and besides
that Briton has been quite poorly
till lately and I was not very
strong early in the winter. This
mail however I will send a
short article with a rough
sketch of the village where we
spent a great part of the sum-
mer. If he considers it worthy
of insertion in the P. H. M. I
should be glad to have several
copies, if he can spare them.

Mr. Corlies and Briton
join me in sending love to your-
self and Dr. Jackson.

Your fellow laborer in the vineyard
Emily G. Corlies

Boulder May. 7. 1881

Dear Bro. =

Where to address you I scarcely know
I risk guessing - Is there any definiteness
of assurance, that the Board would con-
firm my Commission as S.M. or W.M. - if
I accept - as I am now strongly inclined
to do. I do not want to take any steps towards
the dissolution of my present relation upon
an uncertainty? Answer as soon as possi-
ble. The call of Synod seems very clear & strong.
I am at quite a loss. Αδελφέ. προσέφερε. περί εμού. 1.
these. 5:25. I have written the Board. Shall wait
anxiously for your answer -

Very truly
Jno. G. Reid

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23 Centre Street, New York, May 9th 1881

Rev. S. Jackson D. D.

Dear Sir,

Can you prepare for me a careful statement of money the Mission in Alaska, Arizona, & New-Mexico?

This is needed as much in detail as to estimate as possible - for, as at Buffalo -

Our counsel of B. C. telegraphed to Albuquerque. The President of the Camp. Thayer - the people there - with help probably -

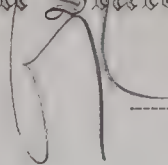
So I hope all is now going on well there - Camp Stewart & Pres. Thayer had arrived again after some detention at Alameda Station -

in the 2nd vol. I had heard
from M. Lippman about
the same stage.

We hope to see you
next week at Buffalo -
yours truly

J. C. H. Hairy An.

United States Indian Service,

 Pinner Agency,

May 11th, 1881.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Galzburg, Ills.

My dear friend:

About six weeks ago
Mrs Armstrong received a lot of goods
from the Missionary Society for the
school girls -

They came by mail, and
when they were given to me by Special
Agent Townsend, he informed me ^{in a dictatorial manner} that
that Missionary Society had no
right to send articles to any person
on an Indian Reservation except the
Agent, and for me to at once
notify the Society hereafter to send
goods to him, and if any credit
was attached to the delivery of them he
should have it. I replied that
I thought Societies could send
goods to whom they pleased for

distribution that this was a free country.
I thought the matter ended, but
it appears he reported it to the
Department with what embellishment I do
not know, & trying to show that I was
working under you, and against
him as a agent. Yesterday morning
very much to my surprise he
told me my services would not be
needed after the 31st inst. I have letters
from citizens here about, also a paper
signed by some Captains, Chiefs & the Head
Chief asking my retention, also have
a paper signed by the school children
very strongly written, asking my retention
and says that if I go away not to come
back many of them will not come back
to school again. I expect to leave for
Washington, D.C. to-day or tomorrow, I am too
soon to lose my position without cause.
And I hope you will do all you can at
once to help me keep the place.

Mrs Armstrong sends much
love to Mrs Jackson.

Write to me at Leesport, Va
and if you can get to
Washington soon please ^{go} ~~come~~
and I will pay all your
expenses.

Very truly your friend
J. S. Armstrong.

Theological Seminary,

PRINCETON, N. J. May 13. 1887

My dear Dr. Jackson

I have delayed writing to you since the meeting your business that I might have the final action of the faculty upon the matter. But there have been obstructions in the way of getting the professors together arising from various sources which still continue.

Prior to the meeting of the Board I tried without success

to interest some of our intelligent
and benevolent friends in the
matter of a Seminary Museum
but lamentably without success.
The general feeling seemed to be
that so far as the Seminary was
concerned these objects would be
interesting as curiosities and
would have some relation to
missionary lands: but that
they would not directly tend
to aid the Seminary in its
proper work of theological in-
struction. I take a different

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PRINCETON, N. J.

view: so do the other professors.
I feel that a Cabinet illustrating
the present Condition and needs
of Pagan lands, the Archaeology
of the Bible and Early Christian
Archaeology and history has
as definite and important a
relation to Seminary instruction
as any Scientific or Biological
Museum have for the more
general instruction of the Col-
lege. However this view did

not prevail and the friends of
Princeton have not yet been
educated up to this point.

On receiving your second
note referring to the proposition
made you by a friend of the
College I laid the matter before
our faculty. They unanimously
and urgently recommended that
the Trustees be advised by all
means to secure the collection
for the Seminary. Accordingly
when the day arrived for the
meeting of the Board, both your

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Theological Seminary,

PRINCETON, N. J.

Letters were laid before them
describing the Collection, & the
College Proposition: also a
paper written by myself in the
name of the faculty expressing
our sense of the great value of
the Collection, of your generosity
in procuring it for us, of its im-
portance to the Seminary and
asking that glass doors be fitted
to the Cases in the Old Library
and measures be taken for its
Safe Custody & proper exhibition.

Our Trustees are hard run for funds and at their wits' end to provide for what is absolutely imperative in our increasing buildings & grounds & various necessary expenses. So that even a small sum seemed to them a vast amount. Some of our most influential Trustees are also Trustees of the College: and the judgment which they finally reached was based upon two grounds - on the idea that this Collection is of very great importance for ethnology and archaeology generally. So

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Theological Seminary,

PRINCETON, N. J.

that its scientific value will be greatly enhanced by viewing it in that light rather than as a missionary cabinet. But the College has funds at its disposal for the proper exhibition and increase of a museum of this character while the Seminary has not. Accordingly they voted that if you consented and likewise the Seminary faculty, the Collection should be transferred to the College, with the proviso that it sh^d ever be freely accessible to students of the Seminary. As I have already

said the faculty have not yet been
able to come together to consult upon
this proposition. But I do not see
how they can do anything except
accede to it. While gratified that the
Seminary is unable to embrace
your generous offer, and regretting the
loss of a collection so unique and
valuable, the lack of funds properly
to exhibit what is already sent and to
aid you in procuring more is an
insurmountable obstruction. If
we fail to get it ourselves we feel
that it is a very great loss to have
it in the College, where it will be
readily accessible, and will add to
the general literary attractions of this
place. Our most cordial thanks are
due to you for your generous plans & deeds
in our behalf. Yours very truly W. Henry Green

The Ladies Board of Missions,
of the Presbyterian Church,
NEW YORK.

48 West 10th St
May 13 / 1881

Dear Mr Jackson

Your letter recd yesterday
re regard to the proposed building
for the Lyceas, followed by one today
re regard to the Mission Report, the
latter I will ask Mr Eaton to settle
at once. The money is not all raised
but our board must make an ad-
vance. The way things stand is, we
ask a Presby or church to raise the
money. This has to be done & an
effort I must make time as
the small churches are already fled

and to what they consider they can do.
They are spending as in small sums, but
it takes time -

I shall be very glad to have you meet
our ladies on your return from Af-
ric. I am in the City - as I probably
shall be - I must take the credit
myself of proposing to appropriate
£1000 to a station in Arabia
& brought it before our Ex Com, who
authorized me to pay to Mr. Kendall
that he would be a subject to the
approval of the House and it was
so in June or a Memorial to
have a permanent investment

for the good of the Cause, I felt so
near. We already ministered in interest
in Alaska; that they would help a mission
there in various ways. Although I spec-
ified to Sir H. we should want it to
ourselves in our own hands. I have
paid the \$2000 into the Board this
morning, so you may be sure of it.
If the Board goes to this new
station or Winnipeg does, we would
like to enlist his correspondence
at once - I shall hope to confer
with you at Abuf about the
needs & what is desirable for the
new station - so as to have

No delay - We have just sent this
the Standard another organ for the
School that the pupils may keep in
the Church the one which we first
sent to Mrs. Mc G., & which has
always seemed to be a home of con-
tention - We have also sent out
a Good Service - & various other
articles as asked for - I would like
to make some suggestions about the
Mileage, when we meet

Yours most truly in service
Peter Mc Graham

Woodsides Parsonage,

Troy, N. Y.

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May 14th 1887

Mr Sheldon Jackson:-

Dear Sir,

The Bell for Alaska
will be shipped on Monday next-
the 16th inst; freight-prepaid
to San Francisco. I can find
out nothing as to how it is best
to pay the freight from there on.
It is put in care of the different
Steam Ship Co's as you directed.
Had I better send a draft to
Mrs Mc Garland, or to you, or
to the Board at New York and
let them attend to it; or will you
do so, or tell me how to do myself?

I have been necessarily long
in getting the bill off. We had
\$62.00 from the collection, and
it will cost with the freight
over \$200.00. I have \$195.00
to feel that it will paid for
now. but did not feel it would
be best to send it before I saw
the money to pay for it; I rec'd
the \$10.00 from Jersey Chis. &
shall be obliged to use it.

The money was all sent to the
Board and returned to me, so
that all will have credit for it.

Mr. Quincy told me to-day
of your letter asking him to
send the three Bells. I am sorry
to have been so long as to make

you feel the "Bell" was never going, but - it is all
right: Mr. Mumely will let no one else know of
it as you desired of him. I think our bell
is a good one: it weighs a little over ~~500~~ 500 lbs,

Very sincerely

Mrs V. S. Hamilton.

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Lakewood May 15 1881
Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir;

We read your book on
Alaska aloud this winter and
it created such an enthusiasm
in the family, that a dear
young lady spending the winter
with us for her health, (being an
invalid), became so stirred that
she occupied the sleepless
hours of the night in writing
the enclosed verses on Alaska,
which I begged permission to
send to you for publication -
She consented if I thought they
could do any good, though she
only wrote them for us. If you
think they are what you want
to put in your paper, please do
it and send a few extra copies

of that number to Miss
Cordelia B. North New
Britain Conn. and accept
our hearty sympathy in your
work with kindest regards

Sincerely yours

Mrs. G. L. Hovey

Mesilla New Mexico.

May 16th A.D. 1887

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.
Galesburg Ill.

My dear Bro

Yours

May 10th received - Yes I am very
anxious to leave the Mesilla
Valley - to much fever & Ague to suit
me. I hope you will succeed soon in
getting a man for this field -

I received
yesterday - the \$500 for this property
so I am free - and thankful to
the brethren who have aided me.

We had - a man by the
name of Cloke publicly hanged
last Friday May 13th we have an
other to be this week May 20th both
of them committed murder -
Ed who was to be hung last
Friday killed two of the watchmen

and made his escape - he is only about Twenty one - and its known he has murdered over Twenty different men - He was tried in the Court House here - and they Took him to Lincoln & hang him over the spot where he murdered a man but he is now gone. I hope he will be soon arrested again - This man Clark was hung on the sand bank at the old river bed going towards Crices - Its the first man I ever seen hung - It may be we will now be free of robbery and murder for a while Its not safe traveling out in the country at present -

I think This is the hardest field to work I was ever in. I wish I had time and means I would go to Alaska with you this summer - I have had a desire for years to work among the Indians.. I think an industrial

school - in connection with taken
care of sick. etc would just suit
me - I have often thought - I
would write to some of the officers
at Washington to see if I could not
get some position - and then I
am aware there are so many
who are seeking and better adap-
ted to the work I withheld my ap-
plication. I love the mission
work - and at this state of the
Indian question - we ought to give
more attention to it - I was raised
on a farm - and I am sure I
could live there again - and do
good -

Mrs Thompson and children
send kind regards to you & Mrs Jackson

Yours Truly
Thomas Thompson

OK

San Mexico, Feb. 27/71.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear sir;

Your favor of 10th inst. has come to hand. Miss Grinstead has very little hope that anything can be done in San Luis, and indeed the obstacles so soon almost insurmountable, but a girl like making me more effort for my dear Jacobine. I had written to Mrs. Graham who I did to you and write to Dr. Kindall by this mail, directing to answer accordingly. Have you entirely recovered from your lameness? Where it may be located & how to be in some measure, under your own care, for of all those connected with this work I do not think any other person will remove the stone from the end of the

special needs and wishes; each
work and course as you do.

I do wish the sword in his fort
could be it, if only for five minutes,
with your eye. But, I may
not find rejoice together some day,
for I do not think our work will
be in vain. In the Lord's own good
time there will be abundant fruit
to His glory.

With much love to
Mr. Jackson,

Yours Truly
S. M. R.

After this write you every in regard
to the work here when the time comes,
early in June.

S. M. R.

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Galesburg Illinois
May 18th 1887

C. D. Eaton Esq

Treas Board of Home Missions
Presbyterian Chh.

Dear Brother

I have at different times seen the statement in the "Occident" and heard it from California Ministers, that the Rev A. L. Lindsley and his Church at Portland supported Mrs A. R. McFarland and the Fort-Wrangell Mission, particularly the first year.

As you are in a position to know - please answer me the following questions.

1st How much has Dr Lindsley or his Church sent

You Marked Specially for
Alaska Missions & How much
each year?

2nd How much have you
good reason to believe they have
sent independent of the Board?

3rd How much have you
received for Alaska work from
the Presbytery of Oregon?

4th How much from the
Synod of the Columbia?

5th How much from the
Synod of the Pacific?

6th Has the Board, from
sums received from Mrs Graham's
Society & others, paid Mrs Mc-
Hardland's salary and the ex-
penses of the ^{Wraygate} Mission, including
the first year?

Answer

Truly Yours

McLendon Jackson

Q 1, 3 & 4.

Q 2 - ~~How~~ see information p 2nd for Synod of

Q 6 of con.

Q 5 of con.

C. P. Jackson, Secy.

Board of Home Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
New York N.Y.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Galesburg Ill

Dear Brother ~~In reply to~~ Yours
of the 18th received

In reply to questions 1. 3. and 4
I answer. Not one Cent.

Question 2. \$2.65 for Canoe from
Nevada

Question 6. Yes

Question 5. Nothing

Signed C.D. Eaton
Treasurer

Phenix Arizona.

May 10th 1881

Rev Spalden Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro.

As ~~at~~ you generally are present at the meetings of the Assembly I thought I would write to you concerning some affairs. The first is in the transfer of this Rev. I drew up a form of a petition to the Presbyteries of Los Angeles & Santa Fe to consent to the transfer. They were signed by Rev M. H. Ford of Mexico and myself at that time the only Presbyterian clergyman ~~val~~ laboring in Arizona. The Presbytery of Los Angeles consents and has instructed its commissioners Rev J. M. Ellis & Dr. McLeod. I hope you will not feel too harsh but to assist the petition. Bro. Cook now are requesting me to visit him and govern

the field with him. A friend of
mine and also of Rev Cook, having
a team and spring cov-
ered wagon, and being at lei-
sure took Mrs H and myself over
last week, and we stayed 6 days.
Our account of the horses getting
snagged, we did not get over as
much of the reservation as
I had hoped. Rev Cook's idea
for carrying on the mission
work, I think a good one. He in-
tends to spend a fortnight
at a village preaching to them
every night, as well as several
times on Sundays. He will how-
ever not be able to do much
week day work, until fall, as the
Indians are now scattered, living
on their farms, and not in
their villages. This I under-
stand is always their custom
ie to live upon their farms during
the summer, and after harvest
return to their villages.

However as it gets quite cool in
the winter and as their leisure
is small, it would help the work
and in fact it is essential
to its success, that plain
cheap structures be erected in
the largest villages, in which
to hold religious services. Mr. C.
intends to convert the store part
of the building in which he
lives, into a meeting house.
This he has built ~~from~~ ^{out of} the
salary he received from the man
who engaged him to trade
for him with the Indians.
His salary was but \$1000 per
month for about four months
in the year, the rest but \$450
per month. It is during the
winter the Indians bring
in their wheat that the useful
business is done at this trad-
ing post. Mr. C. thinks that
he could get the Indians to do
some work in building houses.

for worship, but he does not
feel like calling upon them
to do much ~~in~~ after some
should be converted. He told me
he would write to you, and
I trust you will be able to
bring this subject before the
people as I do not think he
should be left to meet the ex-
penses in addition to his sa-
lary. For what I have seen of
the man, and what those say
of him who have known of
him for years, he spares neither
himself nor family for
~~any~~ to benefit the ~~people~~. In
short every body respects him
and and ~~thinks~~ ~~soon~~ keepers and
such who within life do not believe
they have souls, and of course the
Indian is also souless. They think
for ~~any~~ ~~and~~ on the Indians. But
the ~~of~~ ~~hostle~~. Paul was considered
mad.

It may be that it is none of
 my business how the Presby-
 terian Home Missions is settled.
 However I was sorry to see in
 the way no application for
 \$5000 to defray the expenses of
 the three Indian girls. The
 Indian department made
 provision for them. There
 has been considerable strife
 at that agency between the
 different employees, and
 Special Agent Townsend has
 been there for several months.
 He said the government was
 willing to spend considerable
 money on the Pimas for
 educational purposes. Went
 at the agency. I saw him
 read Pres. Home Missions very
 intently. Had a hot drink
 in the morning and he was
 quite friendly, but in afternoon he
 was read that paper the same

seemed quite evil and did not con-
vulse much, asked an employ-
ee, whether that paper had
been addressed to the Agency.
Personally, I did not care how
he regarded me, but that item
contradicted his statement as
to what the government would
do. I'd say I received
a letter from Mr. Harr-
ington stating that Special
Ag. Townsend was trying to
get him away, because he was
in sympathy with you in
the work. It may be possible
that Townsend may have a
dislike to you, but I doubt that
he would for this reason try
to get him out of his
position. I was informed that
there were several things such as
having ~~not~~ school but about
three hours or day or from
nine o'clock or after until they
have in school in the afternoon.

When Yamsend came he made them
keep school from 9 to 4. They
also had made the government
cook do their own housework and
cooking which Yamsend also
stopped. Hence I think it is for
~~conduct~~ their own conduct more
than anything else that they
may be reprimed. In Feb. then
the first fall the government and
was informed by them that they
only came here because Mr. Abou
was ^{not} ^{doing} anything & whereby to make
a living, and took the school as the
last chance. In short they did not
come because they had a heart in
the work, neither they have become
more interested in the work. I do
not know. I for one, had I
not approve moving of the school
to within two or four miles of
Rivier for which they have been
moving, the proper thing I think
would be to have common schools
in the villages to which all the children

could come. Suppose these girls who
go to boarding school. When they
are through return to their people
how much influence will they
be able to exert? And if they marry
one who has not been to a boarding
school will he be likely to build
her a house and keep her in
American style? I was born in
a mission where this same prin-
ciple was carried out by our for-
eign Board. Some of the children
were even sent to eastern schools.
but when they returned to their
tribes they sooner or later sunk
to the level of the tribe. It took
centuries to Christianize the Ger-
mans and Celts. I think we
make a mistake in require-
ing the Indian to adopt our
habits in a day. And so I think
we unfit these children who are
placed in boarding schools whether
at home or ~~abroad~~ abroad, unless
we fit them as teachers, and ~~for~~

prepare accommodations to
 reach the whole tribe. There are
 those who are friendly to the
 advancement of the Indian
 who really believe that in the
 present condition of the tribe
 those few who are receiving such
 advanced education will be
 unfitted for life in a sense for
 they are not expected to live a-
 mongst the whites or that whites
 will marry them, and yet they
 are expected to live like the
~~white~~ white when they return
 to their own people they will
 not be able for want of means
 if nothing else to live as they
 have been trained. Well I
 trust that you will have this
 whole field under your charge
 and that the Lord will bless all
 the efforts to raise this people to
 a higher sphere and that wis-
 dom may be given that the pro-
 per means will be used.

Mr Armstrong wishes Mrs Meyer
and myself to write to the In-
dian Commissioner in ~~his~~^{his}
behalf. And while I have always
been kindly received personally
as always before, there are ~~3~~² other
reasons that I cannot explain,
I feel that we ought to have teachers
there who have more interest
in the school than merely the
salary, I do not know what
or how much you have to say
about teachers at head quarters,
but whatever it is please refer
to that end. There is a gentleman
here who is an old school mate of
Prof Indian Commissioner,
but whether he has any influence
I do not know.
There is much sickness here and
many deaths. We however are
well. Hoping you will have a
pleasant winter. Remain
Yours faithfully,
Chas. Cooper

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New York, May 18, 1881

Rev. S. Jackson Esq

Dear Bro

Your favour of the 14th Inst. has been received, and the Testimonials of Mr. Fleming.

These will be placed on file, for consideration if the Board should be asked to send in another nomination.

In regard to the latter part of your letter - I received a letter from the Bureau subsequently to your call on me, which I took up stairs to show you. But you were not in. I left a request for you to call when you came in, but I presume my request must have been forgotten.

The letter stated Mr Sullivan's case strongly, giving you as the authority. In reply, I mentioned that he was an officer of the Gov^t legally, and responsible to our Board only morally; that he had nominated him on the recommendation of some of our best people; and that I thought it was but fair to him that both the Gov^t and our Board should give him an opportunity of being heard before he was removed. I then wrote to Mr. Little on the subject, and authorized him to write to Mr Sullivan - which he did. This brought a straightforward letter from Mr S. which I sent to Mr. Kendall, and of which I sent a copy to Mr Marble, Acting Commissioner when the Bureau letter to me was written. Mr. Sullivan turns the tables on the Payless, and makes a good statement of his own conduct in the matters you engaged. Of course there

We have added to all such cases. He was probably
is not right. Yours very truly
J. M. L. Lawrence

New Brunswick N.J.

May 18th 1881-

Dear Doctor:

I have had your letter before me for several days and have been thinking and praying over your proposition with regard to Alaska. Darley wrote some time ago suggesting the same thing, so I have not made my decision hastily or thoughtlessly. But my decision is that I do not think the Lord wants me to go to Alaska or he would have given me a different body from the one I have. I have often thought of the foreign work and wished that I could go into it but my body has stood in the way. I tho't I could stand the frontier mission work?

and you know how I had to give that
up - not thro disgust or faint-heart-
edness either. The Lord seems to
tell me that I must wait till he
opens the way to some church where
I can lead a quiet "usual" life and
take care of myself. Then, ^{Please God,}
I'll do some work for Him! I ^{almost} envy
you and Darley in being able to
stand what you do, but the Lord
made me as I am and he knows
what he wants me for so it's all
right. Gage wrote with regard to
certain Colorado fields but I must
decline them, too, and I do it with
regret, believe me.

I thank you for your sympathy
in our bereavement, and I speak for
my brother and sister also. It proved
a fortunate thing after all that I had to
come home last Fall and stay at home
thro the winter, for a large share of Father's

care fell on me for certain reasons.

He was attacked by inflammation of the kidneys about the middle of February but appeared to be recovering nicely and by April was hoping soon to be out of doors. But a trouble in his heart came on as it often does after kidney trouble. I had slept in his room on the morning of the 9th of April and gave him his usual medicine and ordered his breakfast which he seemed to relish. As I was coming back to the room after a little absence I heard a fall and going in found him in a faint on the floor. I laid him on the bed and went for the doctor but he died before I got back.

You who knew him can understand our loss. But he had been longing to go for some time, saying that his work was done, so it was all joy for him, a joy that can have no end. So it is

is not hard to be resigned tho we
miss him so much. Please
remember me to Mrs Jackson and
the girls; also to Dr Kendall and
the Colorado delegates at the Assembly.
I would like very much to go
with you to Alaska for the trip as
you suggest but I could not do that
possibly. I congratulate you on
getting such a man as Parley for
Alaska. He's a "rustler" as they say
in the mountains. Wishing you
a pleasant trip I am
yours truly
Harry L Janeway.

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Colorado Springs Colo
May 18th 1889

Dear Dr Jackson

I have just received notice from Mr. [unclear] of his acceptance of the position of which he was chosen subject to the action of the Board. Will you endeavor to have it not unduly delayed but speedily. We need him all the more as you are going to Colorado. Dear J. W. I do not personally like the thought of your separation from me but if this must be (as it seems best) we are fortunate in securing as good a man as your successor. Next Monday or there if you will come any Monday morning we will get you before the Board & in your special work we wish to be consulted among your special supporters.

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for [unclear] [unclear]

Net City Feb.

May 18th 81.

Rev. Eldon Jackson Esq.

100 100.

I have finished the front elevation
ground plans for the Alaska buildings.

You will notice that the ground plan
shows thick walls. I thought it best to draw
them so as they would show in the photo.

The tower is high but none too high for looks.
I will mail the plans to day or tomorrow.
I will send this letter with the rest a postal to
Salem.

I have made the plans in pencil alto-
gether.

The two buildings will require about
30 the rest of lumber to do is much more
than as you talked to me about. I should
like to see you. Please let me know
if the ^{plans} suit you. Yours is being
sent by a messenger.

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Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION,

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Washington, D. C., May 20th, 1881.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Galesburg. Illinois.

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of your report of the condition of education in Alaska for the year 1880.

Very truly yours
J. M. Eaton
Commissioner.

San Carlos Ind Agency
May 26th 1881

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I desire some
information & knowing of no
one more able to answer
the questions that arise I
take the liberty of writing
you When leaving home
to take part in this
work some friends of
the cause requested me
to write & if I saw
need of help they were
ready to lend a hand
some spoke of scholarships
etc. thought the bands
& societies would take
more interest having known

one who was here, I
have spoken to Col^l Jeffery
of this and he tells me
there is no chance for
such help. There are no
scholarships. That this is
not a Presbyterian school
is not denominational, is
only indian & will remain
so as long as he is
here. This is not discoura-
ging though I am not
discouraged, but really
have strong hopes of
leading some of these
poor souls to Christ
but I must confess it
looks like slow work
as things are being
carried on now. There
are no religious exercises
in the house, that is

no family worship or blessing
at table nothing of the kind
except on Sabbath afternoon
when Col Tiffany or Mr Dinger
a methodist minister preach
or talk to us. There is
no interpreter. Which it
seems to me there should
be as I feel the first
thing in civilizing a people
must be done by christiani-
-zing them, how is this
to be done with out
preaching & example I
think there are sadly
needed here. The buildings
will be good when finished.
The work is slowly progressing
hope in time to have rooms
for the girls, & boys to
sleep in until then the
girls can not come, this

is a a great disappointment
to me as I understood Mrs
Haines that this was a
Girls school intirely. I
think there will be some
changes in time, & I
so wish we could have
a minister sent, one
who would take charge
of school & preach to us
& the indians through
interpreter. If the school
is under care of Presbyterian
board ought we not to
have presbyterian teachers
intirely? Will you please
tell me how these Ladies
who wish to help here
can do so, & let me know
more fully what we are
to expect here. I shall
as soon as there is a room
to call the scholars together
in do so & try to lead

to the source of all good
as yet they have no dining
room even & each take
their food & eat where ever
they can find place
to sit down of course
what I do for them now
is done to a great disad-
-vantage but hope with
some good effect. I do
not wish to complem-
ent Col' Jefferey or any one
& it is not best this
should be read by any
but your self, it might
lead to trouble, & no
good results. Please
excuse this liberty and
answer as soon as convenient
as I do not wish to

say to those Ladies there
is nothing you can do
here. I feel the need of
much Grace please remem-
ber me in prayer

Yours resp^{ly}

Mrs J S Chandler
Matron

Phoenix Arizona
May 20th 1881

Mr. S. Jackson M.D.

Dear Sir,

Since I
wrote you last week I
have been informed
by Mr. C. H. Cook and
also the gentleman
who took Mrs. Sever &
myself to the Agency
that Mr. Armstrong
had requested them
to write to the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs in
his behalf. Mr. Cook

frankly told him he
could not do so and
the other gentlemen,
who has seen the work-
ings of the school on
two separate occasions,
also would not do so. As
he is not connected
with our church he per-
haps is not particularly
interested as to whether
a church man fills the
position as teacher, but
is interested in the In-
dians being educated.
In a letter received from
Rev Cook yesterday he in-
forms ^{us} that ~~that~~ ^{that} spec-
ial Agent Gausend open-
ly denies discharging his

A. because he was in sym-
pathy with you or the mis-
sion work of the church.
These are the grounds upon
which Mr A. represents
he is being discharged.
As Mr A. seems to have
sent solicitations to all
whom he has recently
met, to assist him
I feel certain he has
also written to you
about it. Bro Cook ex-
pressed the hope to me
that you would not
use your influence
either for or against
Geo. Ludlam & Armstrong
for my part not only
hope you will not ~~and~~

~~only~~ ~~not~~ use your in-
fluence in their favor, but
try and have a teacher or
teachers appointed who
will have some heart to
benefit the Indians.
Major Wheeler the new
Ag't is daily expected at
the Agency and we trust
he will prove a good man.
I hope you will not think
me impertinent in
thus writing to you again,
but I thought it good to
inform you of these mat-
ters.
Yours Graciously
Wm. Haver

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Chicago

Jan 2 1855

Rev. Sheldon C. Knapp
Galesburg, Ills.

Dear Friend;

Your kind note received
me Xmas. I arrived here Sat-
urday. I was very glad, & called
on the Comm. Monday. The a-
sses look very surprised when
I informed them of Mr. Lumsden's
visit. The Comm. will be happy
Mr. Lumsden had represented
his authority, and I will
give the matter his immediate
attention. He had no more to
say regarding matters of the

Mr. Lieberman. I am going
to Washington next Tuesday.

I am sure you will
expect to be in Washington
and I will meet you there.

The Committee appeared so
friendly - I do not think they
are at all harsh in any case.
All well.

Very truly yours,

C. D. Brown

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Garrison, Cal. May 4, 87

My dear Dr. Jackson

You remember I came
here on the combined invitation
of your org & the people of
Garrison. You stated that the
Board would do liberal thing
for this place. I have not
troubled you with any of the
financial matters, because I
thought all would be ar-
ranged through the regular
channels of Presbytery.

Presbytery Home Missions Committee
applied for a Commission for
me long ago. A few days ago
I received a check from the
Board of \$100, based in time
& amount on my former com-
mission for St. Paul. A mistake
this must be a mistake for
certainly no sane man can
imagine that he can

line on B411 a piece of 12.
Garrison. I applied for ~~for~~
1500 & something in money
expenses, so I have the am-
mount of \$2500 applied for
a commission to that effect.
But have received no commission
yet. I am now 4 months
in the field. I have been paid
to a great deal of inconvenience.
Will you please stir the
Board. As with your favor
would be my help.

Princeton N. J. 2^d th May
1881.

My dear Dr. Jackson

I do not intend to leave our home before July. We shall be most happy to welcome you on the 2^d of June, or at any time during your visit. Please come directly to our house where you will find a room at your disposal.

We shall then confer at leisure about the transfer of your Collections to our Museum & see together how it can be arranged to your satisfaction.

Mrs. Gayok wishes
to be kindly remembered
to you.

Much in haste but most
cordially yours - brother
in Christ

A. Gayok.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
DD.

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Cy. North Union
Rochester, N. Y.
May 21st 1881

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

Our
society at our last meeting
expressed a wish to hear
something concerning our
old object of interest. Miss
Crittenden's School. in
Montana. We hear once
in a while a sort of
"insinuation" that our
work there was thrown
away in some measure.
It is my impression that
there was a good deal
grew out of that school
both ~~spiritually~~ and individually
and we would be glad
to hear from you

concerning it. I should
not trespass on your very
valuable time. Except for
the fact that the sort
of feeling which exists
about this matter is a little
stumbling block in our way
— not very much of a one to
be sure but still one which
it would be as well to have
out of our way.

Our society is in a good
healthy condition. As a
pupil in Utah, a teacher
in Japan — has a station in
Canada. where there is a
St Peter's (Lumier) Building
and various other little
enterprises. We have a mission
band which is active and
we hope to do more.
I do not know Miss
Crittenden's present address
or even name — or I

should write to her— Your
valuable Home Mission paper
is much read in our Church
and very much liked

Very respectfully
Eliza G. Guernsey
Secretary of St. Peter's
Missionary Society

Fort Defiance. A.T. May 23rd 1881.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

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We were much gratified to receive your letter of the 16th. We hasten to reply, ~~in~~ We are pleased to know you have the Alaska trip in view, and hope it may in some measure at least off set the last trip you made South. We are very anxious to know the design and desire of the Board and Gov in having us here without anything to enable us to keep faith with the Indians. A very good Indian told us in school a few days ago, in presence of all the children that it was a Chunda school - meaning - Devil or Lie school - saying that the promise was, that they should have a Boarding school

4th The contract between the Board and Gov should be adhered to.
One or the other should take the responsibility and attend to the
matter in such a way as to make success crown the effort. We
will not trifle this way ^{much} longer, nor can we be expected to perform
the duties we do, and make the sacrifices we make daily, and
yet accomplish so little for this great and interesting tribe
of people. The way to us at present is cloudy. I have written
at length begging of him to see what can be done for the
Navajo people as well as the children. They are now out
of flour, even those who raised and sold some grain
are living on mutton and goats milk, and begging of
us continually, for flour and bread. This is Issue ^{days}

and the Issue house is empty. The Indians are very
much dissatisfied. They want a new Treaty When you
see Mr Kendall you will learn of the troubles with
whiskey. Would write fully but for lack of time.

General Hatch made a short visit. He seemed to think
the Navajos ^{must} be given more or ^{be} thrown upon their own
resources, in which case they would look for nothing. Our

situation is very annoying. They have the Idea that our
church receives from the Gov. the expenses of the school
in all respects. Board, clothing, Books, appliances of every kind.
Capt Bennett makes an honest effort to keep them
quiet. They obey him like children, but they seem to need his
constant presence, which is asking a good deal, of any man.
There being nothing to do on the building for Mr Perkins. We think of going
away during vacation. We will not remain here doing nothing, at the
same time we are here ready for work. Hoping to hear from you
at your convenience. We remain sincerely
Mrs J-L Perkins.

P.S.

The blind boy is being taken care of. We are taking special care hoping to make him of use as an Interpreter.
Mrs Perkins.

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

P. O. Box 3863. ~~23 Centre Street, New York,~~ 1887

H. Kendall

San Francisco, California, May 24/81

I am happy to be able
to write you that the American
Commission has decided
in my behalf and that
I will not be disappointed.
Very truly yours,
L. M. ...

... to the ... the
since ... Charles A. Taylor
them to be on
their ... as ... A. J.
for as possible not May 26th 1881
mentioning your name at all in ...
of those who are ... against you
... for ... that of the
My dear Bro. ...

Yours of 14 - & 16 inst's
came by last mail. I am
certainly sorry though not sur-
-prised that Mr. T- is not
friendly to you & the work.

However I have no great fears
with regard to the results of
the investigation, as it would
be preposterous to retain I-
in face of such testimony
as can be adduced. I am
anxious for the time to be
hastened, & also about the future
appointment, but these are
matters that we must rest
with our Master, who hath
all things in His hand.

Would be glad of a conference
with you as there are many
things that I cannot write.

I have but little to say about
you to any one except to our
own family, & then out on
the way, to our missionaries.
When in Colo. I seemed to be
your sole critic, here your
sole defendant. I am more
than convinced that the wide
spread good that you have
accomplished, eclipses a
hundred fold all the mistakes
you may have made; & while
I think it wise to criticize
with the hope of correcting
mistakes, where one believes
them to exist, this should
only be done to the person
himself or to his most
ardent friends. But I fear
that some of our teachers are

impudent, not remembering
that a slight criticism in
presence of enemies is more
damaging to the object than
a thousand missiles from
the ranks of enemies. So
much for a generalization which
will not widely miss your best
friends from here to Santa Fe.
In particular Mrs. P. — who
seems to be head teacher at
Kefauver — is a person whom
I greatly fear. The Colorado
boys would say "She talks too
much with her mouth."

Unintentionally, no doubt,
she has done both you & me
harm. Imprudently she has
entertained & gratified our
agent & the Dr. here, by speeches
concerning us. & hope that
they may succeed in working
along until the buildings

are indeed, & even that they
may gather a good many
permanent pupils together,
but I am convinced that
the cause will never flourish
while Mrs. P. is leader there
if ever while she is there
at all. You may think that
I am not adhering to my
rule on criticism, but this
letter is a severe reproof
rather than a criticism such
as she will likely receive
from one whom I meet her
again. It is made to you
rather to put you in a
position to make the best of
an unfavorable situation.
I most earnestly desire that
you allow no one the contents
of this sheet & that you do
not allow it to affect you
except as far as the information
may enable you to do by a kindly

And to the matter of our
dear mission. We have commenced
the house, & are building of stone
as the cheapest available mate-
rial. We have it up to the
window sills all around, &
about two weeks ago the Indians
all left us, & we have been unable
to get them since. I think that
there are influences working
against us; but when once
we get the house finished so
that my family can be truly
comfortable, & we sure of
comfortable quarters for the
winter, I will be more in
the villages, & by the grace
of God I will overcome
every evil influence or
prejudice. Think we have
true help in Mr. Peam, & his
assistants, albeit they are
narrowed of the world.

You say: "Do not work too hard!"
I will try not to go beyond
my strength, though I must
of necessity do more manual
labor of the hardest kind, than
I should do from choice. I
presume that both my brother
& myself can say that we
have averaged the handling
of each stone in the building
more than once, when the
building is completed. I never
engaged in harder work. Work
in the harvest field is easier,
& I have made a full harvest there
many a day. But this is
the only way by which we
can secure the building, & then
at a cost much in excess
of our original estimate.
I have already ordered
all the material, & suppose
that it will be here by the

time the walls are up.

If we had the house completed
I should spend a good deal
of time at the village, although
I should probably have to
walk back & forth. I hope
that I may, in time be able to
keep a team of little ponies
so that we can drive up
frequently; but the expense
of keeping them would be
too great at present, & when
the work of building is over,
I shall try to get up there
on foot if not otherwise.

The right received word some
time ago that he would not
be disappointed, but must
remain here at present as
farmer - so Meritt says.

He will do nothing more on
the school building I presume,
if my gently instilled

arrives promptly by July
pt. I shall be able to meet
the expense of building as
fast as it comes due & present.
Otherwise we may be a little
embarrassed. By the way
you have reported to me
several little sums that
were designated for this
building — one, I think, from
Aberlin ladies of \$20. — & I
have never heard farther from
any of them. We have received
~~the~~ \$600. promised \$200. and
from "Cowan friends" & something
over \$400. was contributed
from E-Orange N.Y. will these
other sums be yet applied
here, seeing that the building
must cost over the \$600.?
At present a rough estimate
of cost of house is about
as follows.

7' cost of material	
nails, hardware, fall material	\$250 ⁰⁰
Transportation to Chicago	100 ⁰⁰
" Alton to Sheridan	75 ⁰⁰
" Sheridan to Meigs	100 ⁰⁰
Indian labor including board	400 ⁰⁰
Total	\$985⁰⁰

(Of course this is only approximate
 cannot be much less, we do
 not now think it will greatly
 overrun, though not knowing
 just what the material will
 weigh the freight may overrun
 a little, cost of material may
 be little more, as I did not get
 exact cost of nails & hardware.
 At these figures my ^{lumber} ~~material~~
 will cost about 20 per cent
 less than the agent paid for
 native lumber, yours will
 be ready dressed & thoroughly
 seasoned Chicago lumber.
 The Indian labor is estimated

at \$1.00 per day, 50¢ & board
amounts to about same.

My wife & brother's wife do all
the work so that the cost will
be for raw material, & I hope
it will fall a little short of
50¢ per capita.

It may require 4 men more
than 100 days too. So you
see there are little escapes all
along, & more in direction of
greater cost, than of less.

We shall economize all we can
consistently & shall do most of the
work ourselves. We begin to
think that if I pay so much
on the building, we will have
a house without the furniture, but
I believe that the church will
pay for the full cost of the house
& save it, & we shall then be
able to furnish it all right.

Get a bear for me you often hear of
you at any time. We are in
love. Bel. A. L.

ack-
Woodside Parsonage,
Troy, N. Y.

May 30th 1881

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find
draft for 41.82, the remaining
money towards the freight on
the bell. I trust it will be
more than enough - if so use
any surplus, to finish the
frame for the bell support. If
not enough I don't know what
to say. I might be able to get
the rest, and will try to do
so. Give especial ~~cord~~ love to
Mrs McFarlane for us, and
tell her I'm very glad she wrote
the Park church as they will

Probably continue their work
for the another winter. I
wish we might have a letter
from them about the Bell
if it proves acceptable. I
trust you will have a
pleasant and prosperous
journey. Your other bells have
started I believe.

Very sincerely

Francis B. Hamilton.

Please send me a receipt so
that I can have it for a voucher.

\$50

ack

Roxbury May 30th 1881

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

Your letter
was duly rec and submitted to Rev
C T Haley for approval. He said
he hardly knew what to say, however
there were some who were interested and
would give to that object; I have
secured about fifty dollars, for which
I send enclosed a check, I do not
wish to be held responsible for the
whole, but will do the best I can
towards securing the rest; please send
a receipt for this amount;

I do not wish to have a fair or enter-
tainment for this object - all that I
have has been given voluntarily,

Yours,

Mary A Schenk.

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Rawlins Wyo. Ter.
May 31.. 1881

Dr. Jackson.

Dear Bro.

Here we are, "bag & baggage", in this Mountain town. Have been here some time; and can say that we find things is a rather a disorganized condition; yet we can see very much that looks very encouraging; and I believe we have been led to this place in a very opportune time. Bro. Hamitts sudden and seemingly leave, and the long time vacant, came very near being very disastrous; The people were becoming restless and ready to take hold and assist any denomination that would come in and show some thing of permanency; and I am told the Episcopalian were about to take steps to organize, and build, here but our arrival put an end unwittingly to that move; and if we can go ahead as we now expect and get up a good new ch. building we will have the field. For the people here seem to have a warm side for Presbyterianism in these "Rockies". I think the fire and zeal of our "Rocky Mountain Bishop" has been catching, and the good seed sown by him and water. By the Master is taking good root, and the harvest

will be soon and abundant. We find lots of warm hearts here. They are ready to take hold, and work just as soon as they are put in the way as to do

The first thing to be done is to get up a new ch. This old one is too small and too dilapidated to be of any service longer. There are some 2000. \$ already subscribed, and some 6 or 700. more can be raised and if the board of "Ch. Erectn" will take hold and give us some 400. \$ more. (They have given 300. \$ I believe) we can put up a real substantial and comfortable building. I hope when the time comes to make application to them you will help us with your influence to secure at least that much from them. Now while they are giving money to build with of course they can not give so much to the support of the Minister, and this year they have asked largely of the Board of "H. M." Last year they asked of the board only 400. \$ and raised in sub. some 600. \$ on the field. making a salary of 1000. \$ but Bro. H. would never have gotten through with that amt. but by a chain of fortunate circumstances he received 300. \$ more making \$1300. and of this amt. he had nothing left at the close of the year. Now this year they ask 800. \$ of the Board and on a/c

of building can not raise more than 400. \$ this
 year. Now this makes 1000. \$ salary and I can
 very plainly all we can not live here on less than
 that amt. Every thing is so high here - Just think
 A house with only 4 rooms we pay 20. \$ per mo. for
 them a tax of 4 \$ per mo. for water. As it has to be hauled
 4 miles in pipes - Eggs cheap at 30¢ per doz. Meat 20 to
 25 cts per lb. Flour 5. \$ per c. Potatoes 5¢ per lb. Washing
 \$1.50 per doz pieces. Coal 6 \$ per ton. & so no. but I need
 not tell you about these things as you know all about
 it. Now this seems like asking a good deal of the Board
 of N. M. But I really believe it will pay them big to grant
 it this year. If they do then I really believe with the good
 prospects now before us that under Gods blessing we can
 safely promise to be self sustaining in 3 years time. There
 is both men and means that can be influenced and con-
 trolled in our behalf in a short time, I am sure of this, and
 hence do not hesitate to ask the Board to make this out
 lay this year at least. To have us leave now would be
 very disastrous to our cause here, and leave we must if
 we can not have this support. It will not be needed
 a matter year. But now it is. I hope you will plead
 with the Board for it. There is some fine material here
 to work with. I wish you would stop and see us as
 soon as you can. I believe this climate will be of
 great help to Mrs. R. and if we can live here we can
 live most any where in the mountains. Hope Mrs. J. is better
 is better, and the family well. Please let me hear from you
 your bro. in the work. J. H. Reynard.